



Waterloo Region Arts Fund Minutes
June 16, 2022, 1:00 pm
Meeting to be held electronically
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Members Present: Karen Redman, Susan Scott, Jax Rula, Lindsay Golds, Adam Qualter, Peter Shannon, Doug Kirton, *Deb Knepper

Members Absent: Helen Jowett, Carol Ann Treitz

1. Call to Order

S. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Regrets were received from C.A. Treitz.

4. New Business

4.1 Website Update

The current Art's Fund website has limited capabilities for changing existing webpages and adding new pages without incurring additional costs. L. Golds has been researching other website hosting options and is asking the Board to give her authority to choose a provider at a cost of up to \$600 CAD per year.

Moved By K. Redman

Seconded By J. Rula

The Board authorizes Lindsay Golds to research and select a website provider at an annual cost of up to \$600 CAD.

Carried

4.2 Imagining Equitable Futures Update

H. Chimirri-Russell, Manager, Cultural Services, advised that \$50,000 out of the existing 2022 grants budget has been earmarked for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion work. Approximately \$12,000 has already been spent working with EDI Consultant Jennifer Chan. The Board Co-Chairs received a revised budget from Jennifer Chan on June 14, 2022 quoting the costs associated with continuing working towards implementing

recommendations in the *Centering Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Needs Assessment and Recommendations Report* received in April 2022.

*D. Knepper joined the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

The proposed budget would extend the contract with Jenn until March 2023 at a cost of \$35,000.

Moved By L. Golds

Seconded By S. Scott

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund Board accept the revised proposal and quote dated June 14, 2022 from Jennifer Chan, EDI Consultant, and approve spending up to \$35,000 in 2022.

Carried

4.3 Ratification of Grantee Requests (approved via email exchanges)

The Board discussed the assigning of grant projects from one artist to another and how this hasn't been seen in the past.

The Board ratified the following requests, which were approved via email in advance of the June 16, 2022 Arts Fund Board meeting. Staff were directed to send written notifications of the Board's decisions.

Moved By Susan Scott

Seconded By Peter Shannon

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the following requests:

Project Extensions:

1. Alysha Brilla (F20-28) , Project: The Body – Acoustic Full Length Album
 - Second Project extension to allow for public release of the record, with a Final Report due by August 30, 2022
2. Heather Kocsis (F20-57), Project: Dancing Within Our Worlds
 - Second Project extension with videos to be completed by April 30, 2022, and a Final Report to be submitted by May 30, 2022
3. Neruda Arts (F20-15), Project: Community Describer Workshop

- Project extension for project to take place March 8-11, 2022, with a Final Report due by May 11, 2022 (accepted by Board Executive)
4. Janine White (F20-51), Project: Aphotoc Muse - Podcast
 - Project extension of Podcast release in March 2022, and a Final Report due by April 1, 2022 (accepted by Board Executive)
 5. Earl McCluskie (F20-52), Project: Livestreaming Non-profit Performing Arts Venues and Organizations
 - Project extension, with project now taking place June 11, 2022, and a Final Report due by June 30, 2022.
 6. Vincent Marcone (F19-44), Project: The TORNographers (Season 1)
 - Project extension to April 17, 2022, with a Final Report due at that time.
 7. Mary-Catherine Pazzano (F19-28), Project: Beyond the Rainbow: Celebrating Judy Garland's Career
 - Third project extension to May 31, 2023, at which time a Final Report will be due
 8. Stephanie Florence Wilson (F21-16), Project: Cyclical Impacts
 - Project extension to February 28, 2023, at which time a Final Report will be due. In addition, Stephanie Florence Wilson acknowledges that she will not use any part of the project for her Masters Thesis.
 9. Amy Neufeld (F21-55), Project: Witches in the Woods
 - Project extension to March 31, 2023, at which time a Final Report will be due
 10. Stephen Trim (S20-38), Project: Step, Scale, & Sing: A Mini-Musical Anecdote
 - Second project extension to September 30, 2022, at which time a Final Report will be due, and no further extensions will be granted.

Request for Project Changes:

1. Roger Skelly (S20-36), Project: Sympathetic Strings
 - Project change, to return to the originally approved proposal (creating an audio recording of a live music performance, and sharing it on public radio and various other platforms) rather than the previously approved change (approved in September 2021) as identified in correspondence of January 24, 2022.
2. Kathleen Cleland Moyer, Backyard Theatre (F21-68), Project: Live and on radio
 - Project change to augment the theatrical part of the project by adding two live performances and discontinue the audio component of the project.
3. Carly Ann Derderian for WOOM Collaborative (S20-58) Retail Therapy, Mall of Maladaptive Dreaming
 - Project to be assigned to Dr. Andrew Houston as Carly Ann Derderian has stepped away from project.
4. Stephen Svenson, Ernest Daetwyler & Lila Bruyere (F21-30) Lila – I am Water: A Residential School Survivor’s Healing Journey
 - Ernest Daetwyler has left the project. **To contact S. Svenson to see if project can move forward as agreed upon.**
5. JoJo Worthington (S19-44), Project: The Company You Keep Release Concert
 - Project has changed to no longer include augmented reality but will continue with a live show and would like approval to use funds to hire artists for the show.

Carried

4.4 Returned Grants

Grant funds were returned to the Board from approved projects F19-23 and F20-64.

The meeting took a recess at 1:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under the Conflict of Interest Policy of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund - Specific to Grant Applications

J. Rula declared a conflict for both the performance and visual arts categories and will leave the meeting during those discussions.

P. Shannon declared a conflict of interest for S22-38, as the applicant is his ex-wife.

Artists-At-Large I.M. Kimanje, N. Smith and D. McPherson joined the meeting.

6. Closed Session

Moved By Jax Rula

Seconded By Adam Qualter

That a closed meeting of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at approximately 2:00 p.m. electronically, in accordance with Section 239 of the "Municipal Act, 2001", for the purposes of considering the following subject matter:

1. Personal matters about identifiable individuals related to current applications
2. Personal matters about identifiable individuals related to current applications

Carried

7. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

The closed portion of the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Karen Redman left the meeting at 3:59 pm.

Moved By Jax Rula

Seconded By Adam Qualter

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund reconvene into Open Session at 3:57 p.m.

Carried

8. Spring 2022 Approved Grant Applications

Moved By Jax Rula

Seconded By Peter Shannon

That the following Region of Waterloo Arts Fund Spring 2022 applications receive Arts Fund grants in the amount of \$187,875, as follows:

| Arts Fund ID# | Project Name | Primary Project Category | Amount Granted |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| S22-91 | St. George Sidewalk Gallery | Community Arts | \$1,500 |
| S22-18 | Belmont Village Bestival Arts Fest | Community Arts | \$10,000 |
| S22-25 | Window to Waterloo Region | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,616 |
| S22-29 | Diverse and Delicious: a Tour of the Cultures and the Cooking of Waterloo Region. | Other | \$5,862 |
| S22-21 | PIECES OF EIGHT | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,000 |
| S22-12 | Grand River Flamenco Fest | Dance | \$8,800 |
| S22-10 | Untitled: A Cultural Play | Theatre | \$5,000 |
| S22-28 | Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery Glass Artist Residency | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,000 |
| S22-11 | Resilience- An evening of original contemporary dance | Dance | \$10,720 |
| S22-96 | Wonders | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,000 |
| S22-02 | Amanda Kind Singer Songwriter EP 2022 | Music / Recording | \$4,000 |

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|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| S22-43 | Twelfth Night | Theatre | \$11,750 |
| S22-66 | The Red Wrapper | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$20,000 |
| S22-14 | The Lullaby Project | Music / Recording | \$5,000 |
| S22-85 | Woolwich Expressions in Fibre Traditions (WEFT FEST) | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$10,000 |
| S22-03 | Sign Language Translation of children's book | Writing / Publishing | \$2,400 |
| S22-67 | Clefs of Moher Vol 2 CD production and CD release concert. | Music / Recording | \$4,000 |
| S22-93 | John McKinley Band Jam | Music / Recording | \$5,000 |
| S22-86 | Becoming UnHinged | Theatre | \$5,700 |
| S22-30 | The Everwhen | Writing / Publishing | \$5,000 |
| S22-01 | Slipstream | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$9,500 |
| S22-13 | Traction | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,120 |
| S22-78 | Dickson & Bruce History meets Mystery Episode | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$3,300 |

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| S22-77 | Merdeka, Merdeka | Theatre | \$7,707 |
| S22-36 | Scrooge The Musical | Theatre | \$5,000 |
| S22-45 | The Medicines We Carry | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$11,900 |
| S22-68 | Burn of Lyth | Theatre | \$5,000 |
| S22-49 | Peaceful Gathering | Community Arts | \$5,000 |
| | | Total Amount Granted | \$187,875 |

Carried

Moved By Adam Qualter
Seconded By Peter Shannon

That the following Region of Waterloo Arts Fund Spring 2022 grant applications do not receive funding:

| Arts Fund ID# | Application Name | Primary Project Category | Requested |
|----------------------|--|---|------------------|
| S22-95 | Music Commission for KW Chamber Orchestra | Music / Recording | \$5,404 |
| S22-47 | Jaguar Sun - All We've Ever Known Album Release Show | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$7,626 |
| S22-94 | Opening Schütz: From Disruption to Hope for the Artistic Community | Music / Recording | \$8,500 |

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| S22-35 | bruises | Music / Recording | \$5,548 |
| S22-04 | Excuse Me. - Frontier Music Video | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$7,300 |
| S22-83 | Public Programs | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$7,500 |
| S22-44 | Backlot Sessions 2022 | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$4,764 |
| S22-69 | Bricks From There To Here | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$6,922 |
| S22-92 | Forgotten Talents (A short Film Documentary) | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$5,000 |
| S22-72 | Paint the Town Green | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,000 |
| S22-16 | Music Composition for Theatre for Early Years | Music / Recording | \$7,500 |
| S22-89 | Storytelling and the Art of Newspaper Column Writing | Writing / Publishing | \$5,000 |
| S22-54 | Water--Our Sacred Trust | Writing / Publishing | \$5,000 |
| S22-05 | Connect with Art | Community Arts | \$8,000 |

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| S22-40 | Arts, Crafts & DIY (Do It Yourself) | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$4,320 |
| S22-57 | HWHG Juried Exhibition | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,000 |
| S22-48 | #JoinTheMarch" The Freedom Marching Anti-Racism Movement | Other | \$12,700 |
| S22-56 | Never Be Sorry EP by Act of Nature Band | Music / Recording | \$4,200 |
| S22-38 | "And I See...The Remarkable Journey of Romper Room's Miss Fran" (working title) | Writing / Publishing | \$5,000 |
| S22-41 | My Home | Writing / Publishing | \$5,000 |
| S22-52 | Sound Activated Braille Artworks | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$3,817 |
| S22-27 | Electric Canoe | Music / Recording | \$6,000 |
| S22-70 | Step Up Molly- Hespeler Mill Girls Song/Video Project | Music / Recording | \$16,748 |
| S22-19 | On the Scene | Community Arts | \$7,500 |

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| S22-63 | Speculative Futures - A Cart for Words | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$8,169 |
| S22-88 | One Minute Remaining | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$5,500 |
| S22-33 | SYRIAN FILM FESTIVAL Waterloo | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$5,000 |
| S22-87 | The Gathering | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$4,500 |
| S22-46 | Death Party Playground Single "Lost The Night" Recording | Music / Recording | \$3,199 |
| S22-81 | Korean Culture, Music, and Dance Workshops | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$5,182 |
| S22-64 | When we speak at the same time we speak the same language | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$5,029 |
| S22-22 | Down the Foxhole | Theatre | \$11,674 |
| S22-73 | Bright Knight | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$6,500 |
| S22-31 | Tapestries | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$7,000 |

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| S22-39 | Table the Name Improv Shows | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$6,780 |
| S22-61 | Graduation Day (tentative title) | Writing / Publishing | \$515 |
| S22-50 | A.I.: Altruistic Individuals | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$9,025 |
| S22-59 | Marysville, Tenth Line | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$15,000 |
| S22-17 | Colour Outside the Lines | Music / Recording | \$5,000 |
| S22-24 | Watertouch- A Collection of Hymns | Music / Recording | \$6,064 |
| S22-62 | Ever-Lovin' Jug Band - Science Fiction Short film series | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$10,000 |
| S22-20 | Seance | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$5,000 |
| S22-82 | Post-Confederation Architecture: A Golden History in Canada | Writing / Publishing | \$3,000 |
| S22-65 | "Testament To Time" Jennifer Staples | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$10,500 |

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| S22-26 | "Little Blue Fox and Finch - Tea by the Stream" | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$18,259 |
| S22-79 | Complexity Unfolding | Other | \$7,600 |
| S22-53 | LEVANT DABKE GROUP (FLASH MOB) | Dance | \$5,988 |
| S22-09 | Drifting | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$10,000 |
| S22-90 | Here Between - Album Release | Music / Recording | \$20,871 |
| S22-15 | Mandala Meditation Circuit | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$2,000 |
| S22-34 | The Eve of St. Agnes (Debut LP by Rachel Hickey) | Music / Recording | \$5,000 |
| S22-42 | Beautiful Streets of Waterloo Region | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$5,000 |
| S22-37 | Eat At Joe's Proof of Concept | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$2,000 |
| S22-08 | Fuse Presents: A Community Arts Variety Show | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$2,500 |
| S22-55 | Miss Scrooge: A New Holiday Musical | Theatre | \$5,000 |

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| S22-76 | KWFFamous Art Hop | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$12,000 |
| S22-80 | Waterloo Region Hungarians Community Contributions | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$6,500 |
| S22-51 | The Trees | Music / Recording | \$3,014 |
| S22-74 | St. Jacobs Sparkles | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$10,000 |
| S22-32 | Error 404 | Music / Recording | \$5,000 |
| S22-71 | Brontë: The World Without | Theatre | \$4,000 |
| S22-75 | Fiddler Woman | Performance / Event / Multidiscipline | \$8,100 |
| S22-23 | Contest prize music video | Film / Video (including music videos) | \$10,000 |
| S22-58 | Three Swords for Your Sweet Heart | Visual Arts / Crafts / Multimedia | \$10,900 |
| | | Total Requested Amount | \$445,718 |

Carried

10. Adjourn

Moved By Lindsay Golds
Seconded By Adam Qualter

That the meeting adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

Committee Clerk

Committee Chair